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to a person who was occupying a position in the Cabinet and have they not passed a cryptic remark to this effect in the audit report which was circulated to Members? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already said categorically that there was no leasing out or selling. The hon. Members are aware that this question relates to reserves in charge of the Forest department."

Rural Credit Co-operative Societies.

* 368 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of rural credit co-operative societies registered in the State till December 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" 10,203."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Inasmuch as only 20 per cent of the rural population are served by co-operatives, may I know whether the Government have under consideration any policy to bring more rural population into the co-operative fold? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Government welcome the formation of co-operative societies. But it is up to the rural folk to come together and form societies."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether rural credit societies have succeeded in replacing village money-lenders and, if not, the reason therefor? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" To a certain extent they have replaced. But the unlimited liability of societies has been a great hindrance, because persons are not willing to become members if the liability is unlimited."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that people are not coming forward to form societies because a recent Government Order bars them from requesting the Government to form a society unless and until they collect an initial capital of one thousand rupees and the debtor-members are prepared to repay the debt within one year and, if so, will he be pleased to remove these hardships? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" What the hon. Member complains against is the essence of co-operation. Unless people join in large numbers and have a big share capital, the societies will not get loans from the lending banks. The banks which lend money may lay down conditions as to the period of the repayment of the loans and the number of instalments in which they should be repaid. How are the Government responsible for this? What the Member suggests goes against the very principle of co-operation."

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SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" ஐந்து மைல் சுற்றளவில் ஏதாவது கோவாபரேடிவ் க்ரெடிட் ஸொஸைட்டி இருந்தால் புது ஸொஸைட்டி ஸ்தாபிக்க உத்தரவு கொடுக்கக் கூடாது என்று இருப்பது உண்மையா ? அப்படியானல் அந்த விதியை தளர்த்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the number given by the Hon. Minister includes Harijan societies and what the total number of Harijan societies is? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I do not have the figures. But, yesterday, in my speech, I said that there were 2,000 Harijan societies and that nearly 70,000 Harijans were members in other societies. I am unable to say how many of the rural credit co-operative societies belong to Harijans. If a separate question is put, I shall answer."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" There is a general complaint that the party in power in the co-operative unions do not form new societies wherever there is opposition to that party. There is also a general complaint that the departmental officials always support the party in power. Will the Government set up a machinery to enquire into such complaints and see that steps are taken to form co-operative societies wherever there is demand and wherever the societies can be expected to work well? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government do not support the party in power. I can give a number of instances where the Government have superseded or suspended or appointed their officers as special officers for looking after the societies on receipt of complaints from rival parties. With regard to the statement that those belonging to the party in power do not allow persons opposed to them to become members, it is a complaint against human nature. It is open to the hon. Member to stimulate the rival party and replace the party in power."

SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR :—" தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் விவசாயிகள் சட்டப்படிக்குள்ள கூலி, வாரம் முதலியவைகளைக் கேட்பதனல் அங்கு கிராமத்திலுள்ள பெரிய மிராசுதார்கள் அங்குள்ள பாங்குகளில் அவர்களுடைய செல்வாக்கைப் பிரயோகித்து விவசாயிகளுக்கு எந்த விதமான கடன் உதவியும் செய்ய மறுப்பது மந்திரிக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This question may have propaganda value, but has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are not many of these societies mere paper societies with a capital of about one hundred rupees or thereabout and are not able to meet the credit demands of the villagers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The remedy does not lie with the Government."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In reply to my question, the Hon. Minister said that my suggestion went against the very principle of co-operation. In that connexion, may I ask whether the time allowed for debtor-members of co-operative credit societies to repay their debt was not two years till recently and whether that period was not reduced to one year? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The time for repayment of debt is conditioned by the terms imposed by those who lend to the societies. Government are not responsible for it. If the hon. Member gives me specific instances where a society demands from its debtors the repayment of loan within a shorter period than that fixed for the repayment of loan by the society to the lending bank, I shall look into them."

10.40 a.m. SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் விவசாய கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு என்று 20 லட்சம் ரூபாய் இந்த சர்க்காருக்கு ஒதுக்கிவைத்திருக்கிறார்களே, இந்த 20 லட்சம் ரூபாயை வைத்துக்கொண்டு புதிய ஸொஸைட்டி ஏற்படுத்தப் போகிறார்களா அல்லது பழைய ஸொஸைட்டிக்கே இந்த ரூபாயை உபயோகப்படுத்தப்போகிறார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்விக்கும் மூலக் கேள்விக்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தமுள்ளது ? "

Detection of prohibition offences by regular police.

* 369 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special training is being given to the regular police along with the prohibition force for detecting prohibition offences; and

(*b*) the amount of public money spent for this?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No special training is being given to the regular police along with the prohibition force, for detecting prohibition offences. The regular police are given general instructions in the detection of prohibition offences and they are also taught the Prohibition Act.

" (*b*) No additional expenditure is incurred as there is no special training."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" What is the necessity to give such instructions to them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Such instructions were given so that they may effectively check Prohibition cases."

SRI S RAMALINGAM :—" மருந்து சாமான்களுக்காக வாங்கியுள்ள லைசன்ஸை வைத்துக்கொண்டு சரக்குகளை வாங்கி அவைகளை மதுபானங்களாக மாற்றி உபயோகப்படுத்தப்படுவதை கண்டு பிடிப்பதற்கு போலீஸ்காரர்களுக்குப் பிரத்யேக பயிற்சி அளிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "